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Dear Mr. Holladay:

This is to notify you that your "Petition for Rule Making" sent to the Federal Communications Commission and dated February 2, 1993, is being treated as a comment in the following proceeding:

"Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation," Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), ET Docket 93-62. Adopted March 11, 1993; Released April 8, 1993.

A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making is enclosed for your information. Also, a copy of your letter is being placed in the docket file (see footnote 21 of the NPRM). If you would like to file further comments in this proceeding please see paragraphs 32.

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Due to the current controversy about the health risks associated with hand-held cellular phones, I would like to submit the following proposal.

1. Prohibit the sale of all hand-held phones and radios that operate between 400MHz and 1300MHz.
 - A. This would include all cellular phones, amateur radio and business band hand-held radios.
 - B. This prohibition would continue until the health issues are resolved. If it is determined there is no risk, then the prohibition could be lifted. If there is a health risk, more permanent regulations can be implemented.

If there is any possibility, no matter how small, that the public is at risk from using cellular phones, or radios operating on these frequencies, it is the duty of the FCC to take action on this issue.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES:

There will be opposition to the proposal from the radio manufacturers. Should the FCC not impose a temporary ban on the sale of these radios, possibly one of the following actions could be taken.

1. Limit the power output to between 100 to 500 milliwatts
2. Attach a permanent label to the radio with large type-face stating "Operation of this radio may cause cancer or other health risks".

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Cellular phone industry rocked by cancer scare

New York Times

NEW YORK — It began last week when a Florida man said on a national television talk show that his wife's incessant use of a pocket-size cellular telephone had led to her fatal brain cancer. The next day, stock market investors, putting their faith in the man's story — or fearing that others would take it on faith — began dumping cellular telephone stocks. The cellular industry scoffed at such a wild notion and defended the phones as safe.

Friday, it became clear the issue would not go away. Wall Street continued to batter the shares of companies involved with portable cellular phones, the kind that have antennas next to the head and allow users to make calls from just about anywhere. They are different from cordless phones that broadcast a radio signal only a short distance within the home.

Stocks tumble

The shares of Motorola Inc., the biggest maker of cellular phones, have lost 20 percent since the scare began. McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., which is the largest provider of cellular service, has seen its shares skid 15 percent, including a \$3.375 drop Friday.



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Some of the more than 10 million people who use cellular phones in the United States have begun to question whether they need them.

according to retailers and the operator of a major cellular telephone network. Among 2 million subscribers on the McCaw network, only 300 to 400 have called to inquire about the possible health danger over the last week or so, and fewer than 30 have canceled their subscriptions because of health concerns, said Robert A. Ratliffe, a McCaw spokesman.

Still, the concern is not taper-

energy that is known to cause cancer and birth defects, such as X-ray radiation.

Cellular phones work at very low power, about six-tenths of a watt, which leads many scientists to insist they are unlikely to cause much harm. However, the devices are held against the head, and there have been several disturbing studies that have contributed to the controversy.